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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. VICE PRIME MINISTER VIEN ARRIVED KINSHASA AUGUST 21 AND PRESIDENT MOBUTU RECEIVED HIM SAME MORNING. SOUTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE TAI TELLS US MEETING WAS EXCEPTIONALLY CORDIAL. MOBUTU EXPRESSED STRONG FRIENDSHIP FOR SAIGON GOVERNMENT AND AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO VISIT SOUTH VIETNAM THIS YEAR. FROM TAI'S ACCOUNT IT APPEARS VIEN RAISED ISSUE OF PRG ADMISSION TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE BUT DID NOT SPECIFICALLY URGE THAT ZAIRE TAKE ACTIVE ROLE TO PREVENT IT. INSTEAD HE WELCOMED MOBUTU'S ASSURANCES THAT ZAIRE WOULD ADOPT SAME PRO-GVN POSTURE IT ASSUMED AT 1972 GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE. VIEN WAS LATER RECEIVED WITH MUCH CORDIALITY BY SEVERAL TOP MEMBERS OF GOZ AND DEPARTED AUGUST 23 HIGHLY PLEASED.

2. IN FOLLOW-UP DEMARCHE AT DEPTFONAFF AUGUST 23, EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR REFERRED TO VIEN MEETING WITH MOBUTU, EXPRESSED STRONG US SUPPORT FOR GVN POSITION, AND ASKED WHAT TACTICS ZAIRIAN DELEGATION MIGHT FOLLOW IN OPPOSING PRG ADMISSION. DEPTFONAFF'S ACTING DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MAMPUYA
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SAID ZAIRE'S TACTICS WOULD BE DECIDED ON SPOT BY HEAD OF DELEGA-

TION. HE THOUGHT OPPOSITION PRG WOULD BE IN LOW KEY (AS IT
WAS IN GORGETOWN). HE ADDED THAT IF PRG SUCCEEDS IN
OBTAINING ADMISSION, ZAIRIAN DELEGATION MAY ISSUE STATEMENT
REAFFIRMING GOZ NONRECOGNITION.
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